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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 19:

IFN $\alpha$ 's have been shown to inhibit various types of cellular proliferation. IFN $\alpha$ 's are especially useful against hematologic malignancies such as hairy-cell leukemia (Quesada *et al.*, 1984). Further, these proteins have also shown activity against multiple myeloma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, low-grade lymphoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, chronic myelogenous leukemia, renal-cell carcinoma, urinary bladder tumors and ovarian cancers (Bonnem *et al.*, 1984; Oldham, 1985). The role of interferons and interferon receptors in the pathogenesis of certain autoimmune and inflammatory diseases has also been investigated (Benoit *et al.*, 1993).